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Applicant (s): Sigemasa TAKAGI et al

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For: Apparatus and Method for Manufacturing Rubber Sheet Reinforced with Cord

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks

RESPONSE TO FORMALITIES LETTER

A formalities letter issued in this case on 24 January 2008, requesting clarification of an apparent discrepancy concerning one inventor's name. The inventors name appears differently in the declaration from the way it appears in the international application.

The inventor's name appears correctly as Tosiaki Morisaki on the declaration that was filed in this case on 30 June 2006.

The inventor's name appears incorrectly as Toshiaki Morisaki in the published PCT application corresponding to this case, and possibly on other records in the PCT file. This error is a mistake on the part of the Japanese Receiving Office or the International Bureau.

As evidence of the mistake, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the original Request that was filed with the PCT application. The request was filed in the Japanese language, but identifies the inventors in both Japanese characters and in English letters. The inventor is identified in the Request as Tosiaki Morisaki, the same as appears in the declaration in this case. The name in the declaration is therefore correct as it appears.

The office is requested to accept the declaration that was filed in this case on 30 June 2006, issue a notice of acceptance, and pass the case to examination.

As all 35 USC §371 requirements were satisfied by the 30 June 2006 filings, no surcharge is believed to be due.

Respectfully submitted,
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